



Principal's Report—Jennifer Simmonds

School Vision

Gordon East Public School: - a welcoming and collaborative school community that supports high quality learning. Quality teachers inspire students to be creative and critical thinkers enabling them to become active and informed global citizens.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4! Everyone has returned refreshed and recharged ready for a productive term of learning. We have hit the ground running with excursions for Stage 2 and Ryde Schools' Spectacular rehearsal at the Opera House ready for the performance at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 26th October at 7pm.

Killara High School Band

We were entertained on Monday 16th October with a fabulous concert. Our students in the Senior Concert Band had a workshop with the KHS Band and conductor Ms Bromley. This annual event is the catalyst for our 2018 Band recruitment program. The Year 2 students along with any other interested students in Year 3 to Year 5 had an opportunity to try a range of instruments to see which 'best fits' as they join the school band program in 2018.



Year 6 to Year 7

On Tuesday 24th October our Gordon East students who will be attending Killara High School in 2018 for Year 7 will be participating in a Gala Sports Day. This will give our Year 6 students an extra opportunity to meet students from our local primary schools who will be starting with them in Year 7.

Professional Learning

Our teachers are always looking for opportunities to improve their practice. This can be seen through the success of our GEPS students.

On Tuesday our teachers will be visiting Hilltop Road Public School to see the outstanding work the school has achieved in implementing success criteria, learning intentions and goal setting. We are currently reviewing our 3 year plan and planning for our next 3 year cycle.



World Teachers' Day

I would like to thank our teachers for everything that they do to create a positive, supportive learning environment in which our students feel confident and have the resilience to achieve their personal best.

Thank you to our school community for celebrating World Teachers' Day and acknowledging the hard work they do to make our school outstanding. We very much appreciate your support as well as the delicious breakfast and lunch.

Playgroup

Don't forget playgroup has started every Wednesday morning 9.30am –11.00am in our school hall. On our Kindy Transition Days (1st, 8th, 15th November), the playgroup will be held in the spare classroom in J Block.
Contact: geps.playgroup@gmail.com

Pedestrian Safety

Please use the pedestrian crossing as you enter and exit our school.

Kindergarten 2018

Don't forget to enrol for Kindergarten! Our Transition Program begins on Wednesday 1st November 9.30am—11.00am in the hall. Please contact the office for enrolment forms.

State Athletics

Congratulations to Phoebe R on her representation of GEPS at the State Athletics competition. We are very proud of you.

Planning for 2018

We have started our review process for 2018. In order to help me plan for class/staff numbers, I would appreciate written notification if your child/children are not returning to Gordon East Public School in 2018. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Thank you for a great start to Term 4.

Jennifer Simmonds
Principal

Ethics

Could you be an Ethics teacher for Gordon East?

Some of our current ethics teachers are moving on and we are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue in 2018.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available from 9-9.45am each Tuesday during term.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Sarah Hart at ethicsgordoneast@gmail.com.

Library News

DO YOU HAVE SOME DUPLO OR MOBILO YOU NO LONGER NEED?

Our Library Monitors would like to provide new games and toys for students to play with in the Library at lunchtimes. In addition to spending the money raised at the cake stall last term, we would love any donations of Duplo and Mobilo. Please bring them to the Library before or after school Monday to Thursday.

PLEASE HELP OUR BOOKS GET HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Overdue notes will be going home with students throughout this term, so please check your child's school bag or library bag for a note. Please have a really good search (under the bed...on brother or sister's bookshelf...under the seat in the car...behind the sofa...in the toy cupboard...) and send the books back to school as soon as possible. As the notes say, if you can't return the books, please return the note, explaining on the back why the books can't be returned.

All books must be returned before the end of the year for stocktake. Borrowing will finish in Week 7.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about missing or overdue books.

Bronwen Campbell, Teacher Librarian

Sports Buzz

Congratulations to Teisha J and Alex H on their selection to the Gymnastics Australia 2017 / 2018 Acrobatic Gymnastics National Squad. As members of the National Squad, Teisha and Alex will attend the National Squad camp in January and are eligible to trial to represent Australia at International competitions. Well Done Alex and Teisha.



We remind all students to ride their bikes safely to School and to be courteous and respect the safety of pedestrians and car drivers.

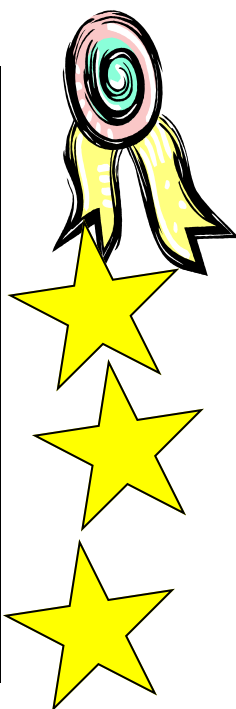
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

22 September 2017

KD Max S, Zach M
 KF Jake T, Max T
 1C Aayu C, Oliver P
 1R Michael M, William R
 2/1SC James A, Madison L
 2CT Amy A, Haewon J
 3/2J Bethany W, Darby R
 4/3A Mary L, Angus F, Joshua B
 4/3L Amelia R, Will T, Rose M
 5/4S Sophia V, Isabella R, Alec O
 6/5H Alexandra M, Lachlan W, Emma L
 6/5W Penny H, Aiden K, Ewan A
 6/5N Zach W, Lucy M, Sophia K
Mini Merits: Max D, James S, Aidan T, Rio S, Dylan A, Leon L, Oliver D, Ingrid Y
Banner: Abigail B, Edie G, Abigail P, Bethany W

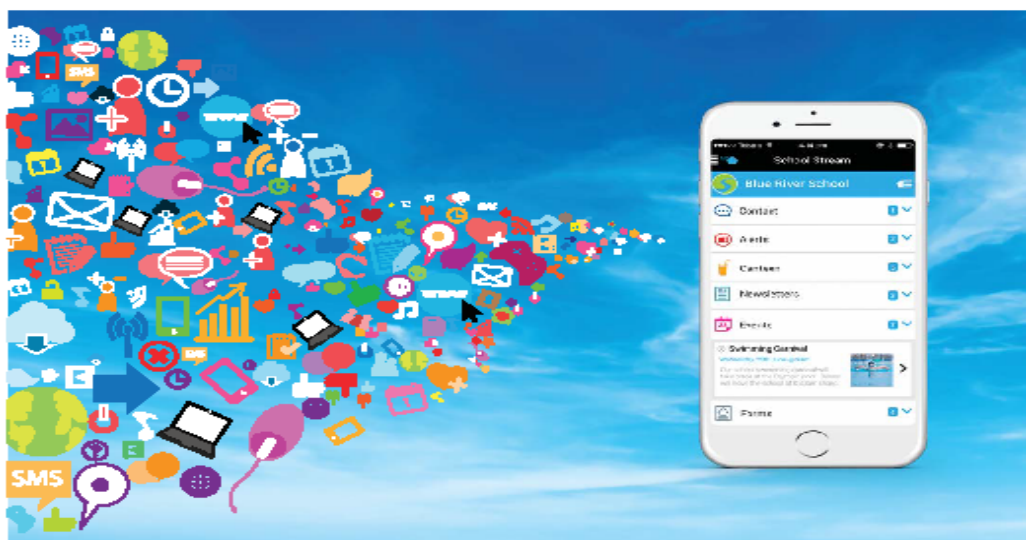
13 October 2017

KD Zoe L, Daniel P
 KF Cesc C, Anika P
 1C Sophie H, Oliver G
 1R Isaac M, Elyse K
 2/1SC Kayden S, Amelie S
 2CT Teddy B, Adam T
 3/2J Ainsley B, Leona A
 4/3A Cameron W, Dennis M, Caitlin T
 4/3L Jackson S, Timothy H, Daniel A
 5/4S Mahalia L, James S, Ian T
 6/5N Martin B, Emily T, Ilaria B
 6/5W Louis C, Torben C, Gabriella P
 6/5H Patrick M, Carolyn S, Jonathan H
Mini Merits: Cameron W, Benjamin F, Hayden M, Isaac W, Elyse K, Nico A
Banner: Abigail R, Nico A, Jasmine S, Michael M, William R, Phoebe R



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Diary Dates

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| Monday 23 October | 5.30pm | Band 2018 Parent Information, Spare Classroom, J Block |
| Tuesday 24 October | 8:45am—2.00pm | Year 6—7 Killara High School Gala Day |
| Thursday 26 October | 6:30pm—10.00pm | Ryde School Spectacular |
| Friday 27 October | 9.00am 2.00pm | PSSA Cricket @ Regimental Oval Assembly, Host: KD, Item: Aussie October |
| Wednesday 1 November | 9:30am —11.00am 9:15am | Kindy Transition (1) Stage 1 excursion to Berry Island |
| Thursday 2 November | 1.00pm -2.00pm | Book Swap |
| Friday 3 November | 9.00am 9:30am 2.00pm | PSSA Cricket @ Wellington Oval Multi-cultural speaking State Final Assembly, Host: KF, No Item: |

Safe, Respectful, Learners

Parents and Citizens-Presidents Report

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term 4! A reminder that we have the final P&C meeting for the year next week, followed by our AGM in December.

P&C meeting: Tuesday 31 October at 7:30pm in the library. Hope to see you all there (everyone is welcome!)

P&C AGM: Tuesday 5 December at 7:30pm in the library.

Earn & Learn

At the end of term 3, we collected the Earn & Learn boxes and discovered a vast amount of stickers not on sheets! 3 evenings of sticking later, we were ready to send in the final sheet count. We collected a total of 513 sheets (30,780 stickers or \$307800 worth of groceries...) – thank you to everyone who helped contribute. Orders will go in from the teachers this week and will be delivered to the school in 2018. Will provide an update on what this gets us.





Uniform Shop Update

An exciting announcement... We have set-up the uniform shop for electronic ordering online via Flexischools! Some of the eagle eyed parents (or students) may have seen the new field in their Flexischool accounts last week:

Ordering for [redacted] ...

Step 1: Service Step 2: Add Items Step 3: Check Order

Select from the following options.

| | Prev Week | Mon 16/10 | Tue 17/10 | Wed 18/10 | Thu 19/10 | Fri 20/10 | Next Week |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | | | Order Lunch | | Order Lunch | | |
|  | | | Order Uniforms | | | | |

Here's how it works:

- Place the order online - the cut off will be Tuesday afternoon for a Thursday delivery.
- The uniform shop will prepare and pack your order on Thursday, for delivery to your child's classroom.

Couple of notes:

You need to be registered for Flexischools to use this online service - this is the SAME account as the Flexischool account you use for the canteen!

Delivery of items will be to the child's classroom from where you placed the order.

This is only for new items - purchases of second hand items is from the physical uniform shop only.

We have uploaded some simple photos and will endeavour to put more details on the items in the months to come.

Please also note that the addition of the service is not to replace the existing Thursday morning uniform shop opening, nor the paper based form (which is available at <http://www.gordoneast-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/uniform-shop>), but to provide a convenient means to place orders.

As we have only just activated this service, please bear with us as we work through integrating this into the uniform shop routine. Any issues, please contact me directly.

Rosedale Road pick-up Area

We have been working very hard to get some action from the council about improving the very dangerous and slippery pick-up/drop off area outside the school on Rosedale Road. The council was initially very slow to respond, but with some effective lobbying of the council, the newly elected councillors and Mayor, input from the local government and some publicity with an article in the *North Shore Times*, we believe we are getting results. We will continue to keep the community updated as the plans develop.

Nils Bown

GEPS P&C President (geps.p.c@gmail.com)

Parents and Citizens continued

Movie Night

Thank you to everyone from our GEPS community who supported our Outdoor Movie Night on 16 September. It was a great success and it really felt good to have so many people on our Oval, all enjoying themselves. Thank you to the many people who put so much time and effort into the planning and running of the night, and thank you to all those who volunteered on the night to make it run so smoothly.

Thank you again to our sponsors and raffle prize donors:

Platinum sponsor: Warwick Hotels Fiji.

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Silver sponsor: Gordon Dental.

Bronze sponsor: Fine Impressions Pymble.

Major prize donors: The little Grocery Service, Harvey Normal Bawgowlah, LJ Hooker St Ives, Myer, Body Shape Gordon.

The Major Prize Winner of 5 nights in Fiji (sponsored by Warwick Hotels) is Kate McCormish! Well done and we hope to see your amazing pictures! The other raffle prize winners are published at the back of this newsletter.

The P&C was emailed by a member of the community who bought the Caribbean Carrot Cake at the Election Day BBQ. She just wanted to compliment the baker on the delish cake that was thoroughly enjoyed!

Band News - Newsletter

What a busy week for our GEPS band program

On Monday, Senior Concert Band attended a workshop with the Killara High School Band. This day is always a highlight at GEPS and it was a fantastic experience for our senior musicians.

On Wednesday, all year 2 students, as well as several older students, took part in an instrument blow test. It was a wonderful day and a great opportunity for the children to get a feel for which instrument could be a good fit for them in Training Band 2018.

There is an important **Parent Information Evening** being held on **Monday 23 October at 5.30pm** in the spare classroom, J Block. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to ask any questions and hear all about the program including structure, costs and how to register.

Please email gepsband@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Kind Regards, Kellye Bettman,

GEPS BAND DIRECTOR

We would like to thank our sponsors and donors for their generous support of our Outdoor Movie Night. Your generosity contributed to an enjoyable and successful evening.



Movie Night Raffle Prize Winners

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Warwick Resorts, 5 nights in Fiji | Kate McComish |
| Harvey Norman @ Balgowlah, LED TV | Phil Kwok |
| Little Grocery Service, Hampers | Mel Benbow, Amy Leon, Tom Gu |
| LJ Hooker @ St Ives, Book Vouchers | Jane Heap, Aarthi Navaratnam |
| LJ Hooker @ St Ives, Moet & Chandon | Anita McLean, Linda Worsfold, Kate |
| Myer Cosmetics | Phil Crowell |
| Body Shape Gordon membership | Lavanya Naidoo |
| Woolworths @ Gordon | Linda Worsfold |
| Escape Travel voucher | June Luo Chen |
| Rodney Clarke @ Gordon | Linda Worsfold |
| Shear Talent Gordon | Dineesha Welikala |
| Amazing Flowers Gordon Orchid | Naomi Jaffrey |
| Event Cinemas @ Macquarie, Gold class tickets | Irene Jang |
| Bunnings @ Gordon Voucher | Aylet Lelah |
| Lydia's Leading Edge @ Gordon | Nan Ferguson |
| Chipmunks Goodie bags | Alex Terry, Jan Roden |
| Chipmunks Tickets | June Wu, Lucy Millett |
| Bakers Delight @ Gordon | Donna Glenn |
| Professional Nail @ Gordon | Sofia Bambadiotti |
| Scholastic Bookclub | Josep Rustam |

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Studio Locations Northshore

Chabad House

27 College Cres, St Ives
adjacent to MARISSA College, ample parking

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Cnr Mona Vale & Link Rd, St Ives
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Gordon East Public School

Cnr Cameron & Rosedale Rd, Gordon

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Enquiries: Ph 02 9498 3574 or
Emma Shaw - Registrar - 0422 835 042





DIAMOND LEAGUE



WEST PYMBLE FOOTBALL CLUB **DIAMOND LEAGUE SELECTION TRIALS**

SUNDAY 05 NOVEMBER

CHARLES BEAN OVAL (Eton Rd, Lindfield)

Age in 2018...

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| •GIRLS TURNING 10-12 years: | 09:00-10:15am |
| •GIRLS TURNING 13 or 14 years: | 10:30-11:45am |
| •GIRLS TURNING 15 or 16 years: | 12:00-1:15pm |

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

NORTH TURRAMURRA REC. AREA (Bobbin Head Rd, N. Turramurra)

Age in 2018...

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| •GIRLS TURNING 10-12 years: | 09:00-10:15am |
| •GIRLS TURNING 13 or 14 years: | 10:30-11:45am |
| •GIRLS TURNING 15 or 16 years: | 12:00-1:15pm |

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